

Future Green Energy Consortium (FGEC)

Illinois Power Agency (IPA)

Response to Request for Stakeholder Feedback – November 12, 2021

Future Green Energy Consortium (FGEC) is a not-for-profit initiative of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, the Illinois Association of School Boards, and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials created after the 2017 passage of the Future Energy Jobs Act. Since then, FGEC's mission has been to lower the overall energy costs for Illinois school districts and help those member schools build renewable energy solutions. FGEC is dedicated to helping every IL public school reduce their carbon footprint and improve the environment.

FGEC is appreciative of the opportunity to provide feedback to the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) and answer questions. Please see response below.

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What additional cost considerations should be included for public schools, community-driven community solar, and EEC projects? Should any of these be adders rather than adjustments to the base REC price (e.g., an adder for rooftop community driven community solar projects)?

Public schools are high profile institutions in many Illinois communities. Decision making often involves significant public education efforts and related costs to ensure proper public support and oversight. Consideration of these additional public education costs should be included as adders rather than adjustments to the base REC price.

It is critical that any school that would be required to upgrade their meters or otherwise upgrade their electrical service to install solar panels should get those costs financed utilizing state solar incentives such as adders.